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TO : Chief, FBIS

DATE: 9 April 1964

FROM : Chief, German Bureau, FBIS

SUBJECT: Monthly Progress Report -- March 1964

I. GENERAL

[redacted]

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II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial

1. In view of Headquarters interest in pictorial coverage of East Berlin television, and the fluctuating quality of video reception at the Camp King site, a survey was conducted of possible alternate sites for monitoring of East Berlin television in the greater Frankfurt area. Cooperative as usual, the Federal German Government's Central Office for Telecommunications Technology put a crew and mobile monitoring station at the bureau's disposal. The survey did not produce any sites which were significantly better than the Camp King site.

2. Still-photo coverage of a 10 March 1964 East Berlin television program on training of East German ground force officers was facilitated by a temporary slackening of local interference.

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B. Editorial

Scrutiny of NEUER WEG was discontinued when FDD, the only known customer for this material, indicated a lack of interest.

C. Technical

As part of a bureau program to improve the antenna system, an "H" frame has been mounted on the main antenna mast. The antennas which were mounted on the auxiliary mast have been shifted to this "H" frame, and the auxiliary mast has been taken down.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

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[redacted] resigned for reasons of health as Chief of the Production Section, effective 18 March. [redacted] has been named to replace her and [redacted] has been hired to fill the slot vacated by [redacted]

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IV. VISITS

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A. From the Bureau

1. The Bureau Chief visited the Embassy in Bonn to check on USIS procurement of films of East Berlin television. Details of this visit were reported previously.

B. To the Bureau

1. [redacted]

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2. Mr. Walter Smith, Deputy Chief, FOS, visited the Bureau 7-11 March in connection with the reallocation of Mediterranean Bureau coverage.

3. [redacted] communications supervisor of the London Bureau, visited the Bureau 16-18 March regarding communications matters.

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4. Mr. Karl Koch, Deputy Director of News of RADIO FREE EUROPE, Munich, visited the bureau on 17 March for general orientation on bureau operations.

5. Mr. Karl Schulz, engineer in charge of the monitoring site of RADIO FREE EUROPE in Schleissheim (near Munich), visited the bureau on 31 March to discuss certain technical problems.

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Attachments:

1. Monthly Classified Personnel Report
2. Monthly Foreign Personnel Report
3. Equipment Attachment
4. Operations Attachment

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EQUIPMENT ATTACHMENT

1. Following pieces of M-28 teletype equipment were received during the month:

UNIT	TELETYPE CODE	SERIAL NUMBER
2 ea Table	LAC 204	136269 135707
2 ea Electrical Service Unit	LESU 7	187417 188312
2 ea Keyboard Base	LK10ARN	96752 96735
2 ea Page Printer	LP14RN/AY	181219 188676
4 ea Motor	LMU4	263052 263022 263063 263109

2. A second camera was procured during the month for still-picture coverage of television:

Robot-Star II - Case serial number 176709
Lens, Schneider-Kreuznach Xenon 1:1.9/40.

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OPERATIONS ATTACHMENT

A. Total weekly hours of broadcasts monitored 72.

B. Additional, unscheduled monitoring during the month 18 hours.

C. The Bureau filed a total of 336,640 words to Headquarters, of which 14,800 were nonpublishable.

D. The Bureau filed or relayed 238,970 words of FBIS material to [redacted] 50X1

E. Unauthorized outages on the Frankfurt-London direct line totaled 85 hrs 3 min.

F. The WEEKLY REPORT ON THE EAST GERMAN PRESS total wordage was 90,000.

G. As part of RPB's coding project for selected communist publications, 14 code cards were mailed to Headquarters.

H. Still-picture coverage of television produced 20 pictures of the 10 March 1964 East Berlin television program "Officers of Tomorrow."

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